

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has amended the claims in response to the office action for the sake of focusing the subject matter of the claims and advancing prosecution. Support for the claim amendments may be found throughout the specification and, in particular, in Table 8 on page 32. Lines 11-23 disclose mixtures that contain 2-methyl-1-butanol and isobutyric acid in the percentages recited in the claims. In addition, paragraph 53 on page 11 notes that in one embodiment the invention is a composition comprising at least two of the compounds set forth in a list that includes both 2-methyl-1-butanol and isobutyric acid.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC Sections 102 and 103 in light of the Herting Reference

The Examiner rejected the claims as being anticipated in light of the Herting patent. The composition disclosed in the claim, as amended, is not disclosed in Herting, rendering this rejection moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests its withdrawal.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has enclosed a petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the office action and a credit card payment form for \$1110.00 to cover the required fees.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant believes that each of the presently pending claims in this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the number provided below in order to discuss any aspect of this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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